The End of Economic Elitism?

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Reflections on the monologue that rocked the Right.

When one of the highest-rated cable news hosts kicked off the new year by telling Fox News viewers that the elite of both established parties had enriched themselves by failing their country, reverberations were inevitable:

Tucker Carlson's early January monologue marked a new level of influence and clarity in messaging for today's emerging realignment around populist, nationalist, and traditionalist themes. The broadside spawned important new critiques and defenses of American markets, American mores, and America's managerial class. This long-overdue reassessment has only just begun.

It's clear that, on the Right, more is afoot than swapping out one set of talking points for another. While areas of broad and enduring overlap remain, different schools are drawing different lessons from the upheaval of the moment—and the institutional and ideological decay of the passing age.

Here, we offer four reflections on the state of play since Carlson's monologue made its first waves: Rachel Lu on the common good, cultural renewal, and human thriving; Matt Peterson on our regime-level crisis; James Poulos on restoring our social compact; and Pete Spiliakos on reform conservatives and conservative populists.

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